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SUBJ: DANISH POLICY TOWARD THE PRG

REF A. COPENHAGEN 0802 (NOTAL) B. COPENHAGEN 0754 (NOTAL)

1. MFA'S KAPEL, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF ASIAN AFFAIRS,
GAVE POLCOUNTS MAR 21 FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE
"MODIFICATION" OF THE DANISH POSITION ON THE PRG.
KAPEL POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE FOREIGN POLICY
DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT (REF A) THE GOVERNMENT MADE
FOUR BASIC POINTS CONCERNING ITS POLICY TOWARD
VIETNAM:

A) CONTINUATION OF AID ON A TRIPARTITE BASIS (DRV,
GVN AND PRG) FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VIETNAM:

SUPPORT FOR PRG OBSERVER STATUS AT INTERNATIONAL
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CONFERENCES, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONCERNED WITH

HUMANITARIAN SUBJECTS. THERE WILL BE, HOWEVER, NO DANISH SUPPORT FOR PRG ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE PARITY WITH GVN REPRESENTATIVES AT SUCH CONFERENCES.

C) EXPANSION OF THE HERETOFOR "VERY LIMITED" CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PRG INFORMATION OFFICE IN COPENHAGEN AND THE DANISH AID AGENCY (DANIDA) AND THE PRESS SECTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. FURTHERMORE, THE MFA'S POLITICAL SECTION WILL NOW BE OPEN TO THE PRG FOR THE FIRST TIME. KAPEL OBSERVED THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRG IN THEORY PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED ACCESS TO DANIDA AND THE PRESS SECTION, IT HAD ON ONLY RARE OCCASIONS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF SUCH ACCESS.

D) DANISH EMBASSIES ABROAD WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ESTABLISH UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH PRG REPRESENTATIVES, PARTICULARLY IN PEKING.

2. KAPEL SAID THAT ON MAR 20, "THE HEAD" OF THE PRG INFORMATION OFFICE (LE VAN NHUT) WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE HE WAS RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR THORNING-PETERSEN WHO EXPLAINED THE NEW POLICY TO HIM. KAPEL WAS ALSO PRESENT. NHUT REPORTEDLY MADE NO PARTICULAR COMMENT EXCEPT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHANGE AS AN "IMPROVEMENT" AND URGED THE DANES TO UPGRADE FURTHER THE STATUS OF THE PRG HERE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM POLCOUNDS, KAPEL SAID THAT THORNING-PETERSEN REITERATED FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S CALL FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS IN VIETNAM AND A RETURN TO STRICT ADHERENCE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

4. COMMENT: ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS KAPEL HAS MAINTAINED THAT NO FURTHER MOVEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE PRG ASPIRATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. NEVERTHELESS, I BELIEVE I SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE SUITABLE REPRESENTATIONS AT A HIGH LEVEL AND THAT PARALLEL REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO AMBASSADOR BARTELS IN WASHINGTON. THERE MAY BE LITTLE WE CAN DO
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TO REVERSE WHAT HAS HAPPENED BUT WE SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT A FURTHER SOFTENING OF THE DANISH POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE PRG.
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